



Public Notice

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**Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833**

Public Notice No.

P-2545

Public Notice Date

April 21, 2006

Expiration Date

May 19, 2005

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

File Number: MVS-1992-84750

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached maps.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
(Regulatory Branch)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833
ATTN: Alan Edmondson

APPLICANT: New Bourbon Regional Port Authority, P.O. Box 366, Perryville, Missouri, 63775, (573) 547-8357. (ATTN: Mr. Ron Inman)

LOCATION: The project is located on the right descending bank of Mississippi River mile 120.5, Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri. Specifically, the project is located on the Kaskaskia USGS quadrangle map, US Survey 67, Township 38 North, Range 09 East.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant seeks authorization to fleet ten 35' x 200' barges along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River immediately downstream from the outbound conveyer system authorized by Department of the Army permit P-2473. The maximum distance from shore to the outer edge of a barge would be approximately 80-feet. The fleet would be secured to shore with a deadman and chain approximately 180-feet in length, as well as an anchor system to secure the fleet on the downstream end of the project. The applicant has found it necessary to be able to fleet barges in close proximity to the new conveyer in order to be able to load barges at per-ton rates that are competitive with other transfer facilities.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See attached.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Alan Edmondson, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8811. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to *Alan.Edmondson@mvs02.usace.army.mil*.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal. Any request for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for the hearing, and must be based on issues that would warrant additional public review.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that the work that is proposed would not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation request has been made to the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

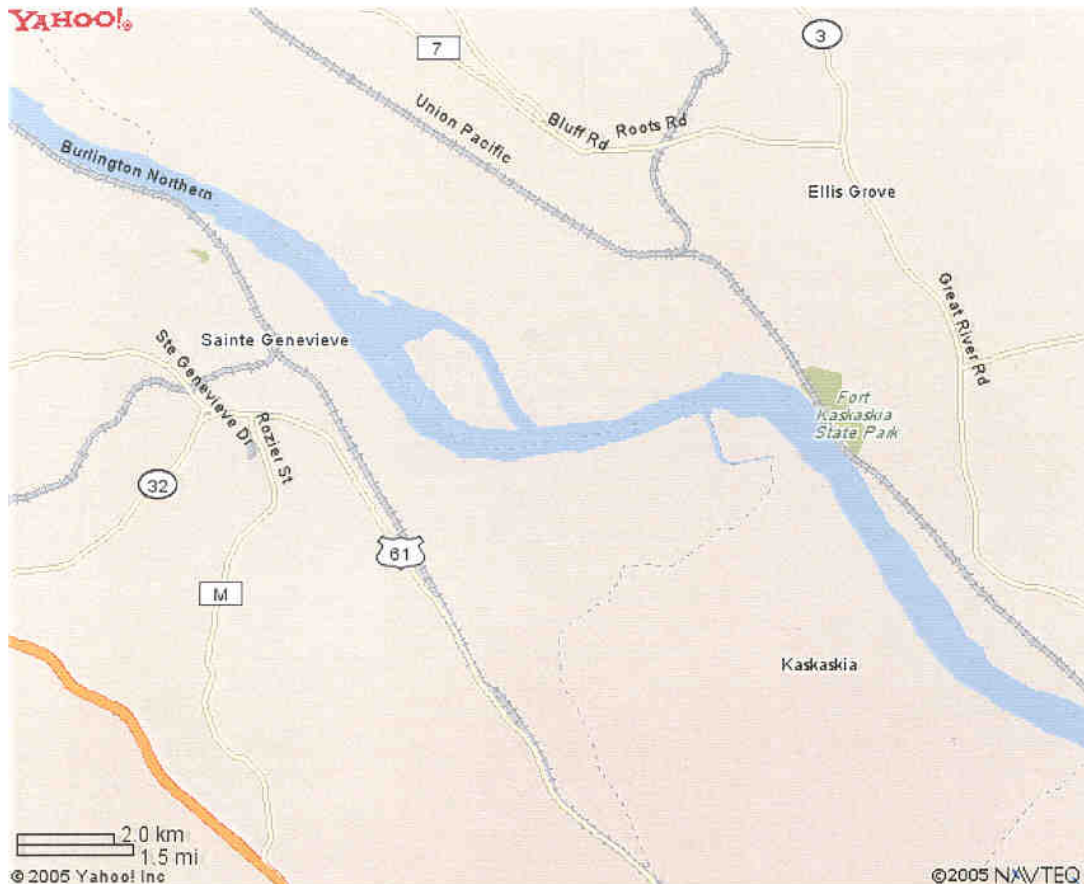
CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the activity described, will be considered including the cumulative effects. Among factors considered are: conservation; economics; aesthetics; general environmental concerns; wetlands; historic properties; fish and wildlife values; flood hazards; flood plain values; land use; navigation; shoreline erosion and accretion; recreation; water supply and conservation; water quality; energy needs; safety; food and fiber production; mineral needs; consideration of property ownership; and in general the needs and welfare of the people.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

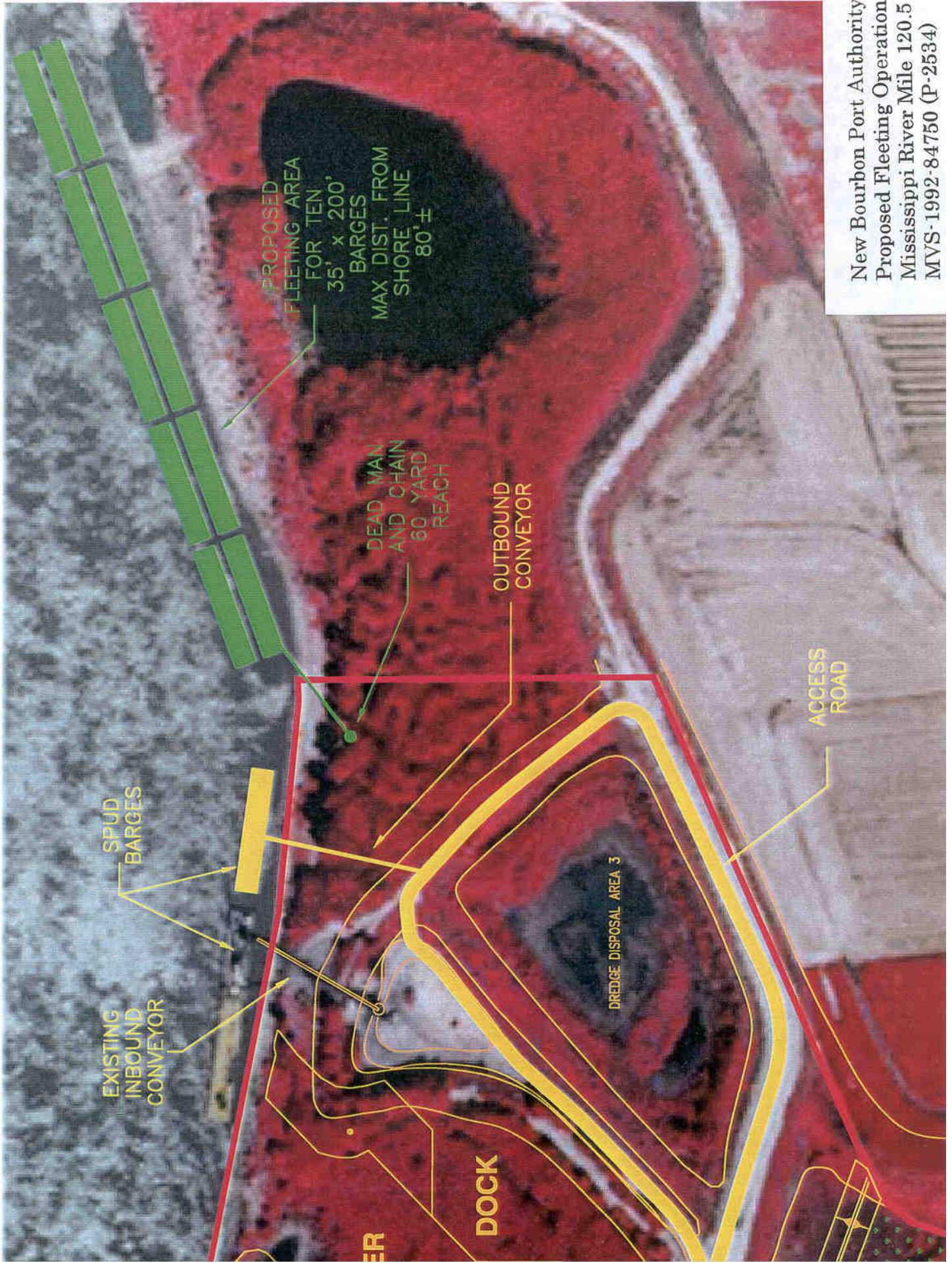
Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.


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Chief, Regulatory Branch



NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 30 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.



New Bourbon Port Authority
Proposed Fleeting Operation
Mississippi River Mile 120.5
MVS-1992-84750 (P-2534)